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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Twenty-six sheds with the dried fish and also the fishing and drying materials such as nets, mats, tarpaulins and fish oil stored in them were destroyed in a fire accident on 21st March 1955 in the Kohikode beach. The value of property destroyed is estimated at Rs. 22,000."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know at what time the fire accident took place and at what time the fire engine reached the spot? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the report that I have, says that at 2 p.m. on 21st March 1955, fire broke out in the fish-curing yard in the Kozhikode beach near the Government Oil Factory. Information was received at 2-30 p.m. at the Fire Station which is at a distance of about a mile and the fire engine unit rushed to the spot within four minutes after receipt of information."

Eviction of ryots in the Neyveli lignite area

* 2338 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was received from the ryots of Neyveli and surrounding villages about their eviction from their villages; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No representation against eviction has been received. However, a petition from landowners of Veppankurichi, Neyveli, Therkuvellur, etc., villages has been received requesting the Government not to acquire any more lands in the lignite area till the Pilot Lignite Quarrying Investigations have been completed.

" (b) The question of acquiring only such of the lands as are likely to be required for the Lignite Investigation Scheme during the next 120–150 years and of releasing the remaining lands from the scope of the Madras Lignite (Acquisition of Land) Act. 1953, is already under the consideration of the Government. No separate action is called for on the petition."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் மந்திரி ராமசாமி படையாச்சி அவர்கள் மந்திரியாவதற்கு முன்னால் அந்தத் தொகுதி மக்களின் சார்பாக அந்த நிலத்தை விட்டு வெளியேற்றப்பட்ட விவசாயிகளுக்கு நஷ்ட ஈடு கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று சர்க்காருக்கு மகஜர் அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார். அதன் மேல் சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து எந்த விதமான தகவலும் வரவில்லை. ஏக்கருக்கு 250 ரூபாய் நஷ்ட ஈடு கொடுக்கிறேன் என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். அதை 1,000 ரூபாய்க்கு உயர்த்திக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" நான் எவிக்ஷன் கூடாது என்று மெமோராண்டம் வரவில்லை என்று சொன்னேன். கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன மந்திரி அவர்கள் மந்திரி

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யாவதற்கு முன்பு என்ன என்ன செய்தார்கள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியாது. அதையே அவர் கவனித்துக்கொண்டிருப்பார் என்பதை கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்குச் சொல்லுகிறேன். நிலக்கரி சுரங்கத்திற்கு எவ்வளவு நிலம் வேண்டுமோ அதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு மற்ற அனுவசியமான நிலத்தைத் திருப்பிக் கொடுத்துவிடவேண்டும் என்றும், அதை எவ்வாறு செய்ய வேண்டுமோ அதையும் கவர்ன் மெண்டார் யோசித்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள்."

Rural Housing Schemes

* 2339 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount actually spent on rural housing schemes during the year 1954–55; and

(*b*) the number of rural housing schemes taken up and executed in the district of Coimbatore during the budget year of 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Rs. 53,550.

" (*b*) There are two Rural Housing Societies in the Coimbatore district, namely, the Annur Rural Housing Society and the Nambiyur-Chettipalayam Rural Housing Society. During 1954–55 the Chettipalayam Society has taken up the construction of eight houses, out of which three have been completed. The Annur Society has taken up the construction of two houses and both are under construction."

Eviction of peasants from lands in Kadayanallur village

* 2340 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the peasants of Kadayanallur village, Tirunelveli district, regarding large-scale eviction of peasants from lands; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to protect the peasants who are mainly Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—" (*a*) & (*b*) A representation was received by the Government from Sri C. Kandasamy, M.L.A., stating that large-scale eviction of tenants was taking place in Kadayanallur firka. The Collector of Tirunelveli was asked to submit a report on the representation. He reported that there had been no large-scale eviction of tenants. In the case of a few tenants who were evicted in Krishnapuram a committee was formed to secure lands for cultivation for them as far as possible."

DEPUTY SPEAKER:—" I will take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."